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Letter dated 2 August 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to convey to you the general statement that Sweden had requested to make after the adoption of draft resolution [A/76/L.75](#), entitled “The human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment”, on 28 July 2022 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would kindly circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 74 (b).

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General statement after adoption of draft resolution [A/76/L.75](#)

Sweden thanks the core group for draft resolution [A/76/L.75](#), entitled “The human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment”, and for bringing the important link between the environment and the promotion and protection of human rights to the General Assembly. Sweden appreciates and attaches great importance to the issues raised in draft resolution [A/76/L.75](#) and sponsors the resolution to reflect this, as well as our will to actively participate in consultations and negotiations on how this right can be judicially realized.

Sweden holds that the political recognition of a right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment in this resolution does not have any legal effects and cannot be used as a legal ground, as the legal meaning and possible effects of such a right remain to be thoroughly examined and negotiated.
